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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1647

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Nicholas Kim Hayward, et al. **Examiner:** Christine J. Saoud
Serial No.: 09/349,954 **Art Unit:** 1647
Filed: July 8, 1999 **Docket:** 10441Z
For: A VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH **Dated:** February 28, 2003
FACTOR (VEGF) MOLECULE AND PROCESS
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 29, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 50-54 as follows:

50.(Twice Amended) A process for the production of biologically active VEGF-B, said method comprising expressing a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes under high stringency

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